



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Service List

FROM: Benjamin Spruill, Hearing Officer

DATE: August 1, 2008

RE: Request to Increase Funding for Residential Energy Efficiency Programs

I. INTRODUCTION

On July 16, 2008, the Department of Energy Resources ("DOER") requested that the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") consider an immediate increase in funding for energy efficiency programs targeted at residential heating end-uses. On July 25, 2008, the Department issued a letter in response to DOER's request, asking that all energy efficiency Program Administrators file proposals to increase spending for residential heating programs effective as soon as feasible, and covering the 2008 winter season ("Proposals"). Additionally, the Department held a technical conference on July 29, 2008 to discuss issues and concerns that Program Administrators, the Attorney General, and non-utility parties may have with implementing the funding increases. The following information provides further guidance on the Department's request.

II. FILING INSTRUCTIONS

The schedule set forth in the Department's July 25, 2008 letter is no longer applicable. Interested parties should adhere to the following filing procedure. Also, all documents related to this matter will be available on the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dpu.

A. Proposals

- All Proposals should be submitted pursuant to standard Department filing procedures.¹ Additionally, one paper copy and an electronic copy of the proposals should be sent to Jamie Tosches [Jamie.Tosches@state.ma.us], Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.
- Proposals should be filed with the Department no later than **5:00 P.M., Friday, August 15, 2008.**
- Electric Proposals should be filed under the same docket as the Program Administrators' 2008 energy efficiency plans.
- Gas Proposals should be filed under the same docket as the Program Administrators' currently active five-year energy efficiency plans.
- Any party interested in reviewing a Proposal may request an electronic copy from Program Administrators, view a copy on the Department's website, or view a paper copy at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

¹ All documents should be filed with Mary Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110. In addition, all documents should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the hearing officer [benjamin.spruill@state.ma.us]; or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, disk label, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the subject matter of the filing (e.g., the appropriate docket number); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe Acrobat (version 7 or higher). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel (version 2000). The Department strongly encourages filers to avoid submitting scanned files but will accept them for posting when an alternative version does not exist in electronic format. In addition, if the petitioner, applicant, or any other participant has already filed a document relevant to this proceeding, such as the initial petition, application, or filing, without providing an electronic copy of that document, such entity is directed to do so in compliance with the above electronic filing requirements as soon as practicable. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

B. Comments

- All comments should be submitted pursuant to standard Department filing procedures. Additionally, one paper copy and an electronic copy of comments should be sent to Jamie Tosches [jamie.tosches@state.ma.us], Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.
- Comments on the proposals from the Attorney General and other interested parties should be filed with the Department no later than **5:00 P.M., Monday, August 25, 2008**.
- All comments that refer to a specific plan should reference the appropriate docket number. Comments that are general in nature should specify the subject matter of the filing (e.g.: Increased Funding for Residential Heating Programs).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Benjamin N. Spruill, Hearing Officer, at 617-305-3735 or benjamin.spruill@state.ma.us.